(e) whether in the above context, any proposal of the State Government are pending consideration with the Centre at present; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and their disposal by the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The training presently being imparted to NCC cadets meets the aims of NCC. Training in weaponry and warfare techniques to improve the defence preparedness of the nation falls beyond the scope of training to be imparted to the NCC cadets.

(c) to (f) Funds allotted to NCC Directorate, Rajasthan under the heads of Office Contingency Grant (OCG), Information Technology (IT) and Hiring of Civil Transport (HCT) during the current financial year are as under:

(*Rs. in lakhs*)

	Head	Funds allotted	Funds utilized
i	OCG	11.00	8.10
ii	IT	10.50	10.24
iii	HCT	1.68	1.18

Apart from this, State Governments also incur expenditure on NCC Camps for which Central Government reimburses 50% of the expenditure. During the current year, the State Government has raised a debit of Rs. 65.34 lakhs for reimbursement by the Centre till December, 2005. The amount for which the debit is yet to be raised by the State Government on the Centre is Rs. 199.28 lakhs.

Quality controls of materials supplied to Army

†922. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the agency which ascertains the quality of arms and equipments supplied to the army and the mechanism it has for testing the same;

(b) the number of centres of quality controllers in the country and the total number of complaints received by them during last three years regarding arms, ammunition and armed vehicles manufactured in ordnance factories;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the action taken by Government on these complaints and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure the quality assurance for the material being supplied to the army?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) The Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA) is entrusted with the responsibility of Quality Assurance of Arms and Equipment supplied to the Army.

The DGQA carries out this activity through a process of Quality Audit and surveillance during production and inspection and performance testing for acceptance against specifications of the equipment given in the supply order.

(b) DGQA has 29 Controllerates of Quality Assurance and 78 field Quality Assurance Establishments in the country. The total number of defects reported to Controllerates by the users during the last three years is approximately 400 per year.

(c) and (d) The defects reported have been investigated by the DGQA in association with the designer, manufacturer and user. The outcomes of these defect investigations have been intimated to manufacturer and user to initiate remedial action. Quality improvement is a continuous process, which is achieved by introduction of modern equipment and process/product improvement based on feedback of users.

Erratic functioning of MiG-21s

923. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that upgraded MiG-21s are found to be erratic in their function as was found in the accident which occurred in Jamnagar (Gujarat) on 17th January, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure safer operations of MiG-21s?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir. The upgraded MiG-21 is a stable weapon aircraft and the Indian Air